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REF: A. JAKARTA 15549 (76); B. JAKARTA 1048; C. JAKARTA 1049 D. AMBASSADOR NEWSOM'S LETTER TO INGRAHAM, 20 JAN 77.

1. GOI DECISION TO PERMIT NEW ICRC SURVEY OF DETAINEE CAMPS IN INDONESIA IS A WELCOME ONE. WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY ICRC COMMENT ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DETAINEES. WE SHARE WITH YOU A REASONABLE CONFIDENCE IN THE DETAILED FIGURES PROVIDED BY THE GOI, BUT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN ONGOING WASHINGTON DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA TO HAVE, EVEN ON INFORMAL BASIS, ANY ICRC ASSESSMENTS.

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2. WE AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IF 1974 ICRC REPORT ON INDONESIAN DETAINEES (REF B) WERE MADE PUBLIC. WE RECOMMENDED THIS STEP TO INDONESIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR RUSMIN'S RECENT RETURN TO JAKARTA ON CONSULTATIONS, AND WE UNDERSTOOD THAT RUSMIN MIGHT DISCUSS THE QUESTION WHILE HE WAS IN JAKARTA. WE HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, BROACHED THE QUESTION WITH ICRC (AS

RECOMMENDED REF D) SINCE IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS GOI WHICH ORIGINALLY OPTED AGAINST PUBLICATION AND THAT

IT IS ENTIRELY UP TO GOI WHETHER TO REVERSE ITSELF AND

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